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It is time to put the Microsoft issue behind us, and the actions of various State Attorneys General fail to support the public interest in this matter. Suitable penalties have been adjudged on Microsoft, and further action at the state level on a matter which is predominately a matter of federal jurisdiction will do nothing to further the cause of consumers or government. By delay, it has just the opposite effect.

My suspicion is that, like the tobacco settlement, the interest of the states is more for financial benefit than for consumer protection. These actions should be repudiated by the Justice Department, and a final settlement pursued with all due haste.

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